

CONTROLLING PENDULUMS Electrical Devices For Regulating

Astronomical Clockwork. In astronomical work it is essential that the pendulums of the standard clocks, which govern the movement of telescopes and cameras, shall themselves be kept accurate by constant comparisons with the never changing "clock stars." After all the ordinary means for securing this accuracy, such as mercury cups and the movement of the "bob" in whatever form, are exhausted, resort is made to a simple yet yery accurate device. This is nothing more or less than a little shelf fastened upon the rod of the pendulum, on which weights can be placed or taken off, making it go faster or slower without running the risk of deranging the works or affecting the experiments, as might be the case if the pendulum were

too much handled. At the temporary station of the Harvard observatory at Mandeville, Ja maica, where Professor W. H. Picker ing, who is in charge, is using a nove horizontal telescope with a focal length of no less than 135 feet, instead of the weights on a shelf, which cannot b adjusted on account of the distance of the operator from the clock, an electrical device is employed. The observe has a rheostat by his side, which con trols the amount of current with magnet placed below the pendulum, the pendulum carrying an arc shaped ar mature, on which the magnet exerts a constant pull. This pull varies i strength as the rheostat is moved, pro ducing the same effect as the pul grows stronger or weaker as if mor weights had been put on or taken of the pendulum shelf, as in the ordinar case. This device in its original an more primitive form was first employ ed at the Royal observatory at Green

wich, England. Electricity is widely resorted to by astronomers to regulate the more me chanical part of observing, perhaps no where more generally than at the Har vard observatory in Cambridge and its permanent station in Arequipa, Peru as well as its temporary station in Jamaica. At all three of these places of every clear night various kinds of pho tographic telescopes are taking pictures at varying intervals and at different times without the aid of human hands but by means of electricity regulated by intricate and accurate clockwork.

Smoking Made Harmless.

A surgeon general in the German army communicates to the Berlin Mili tar Zeitung an account of a process by which it is asserted that smoking may be rendered a harmless amusement. By the method described, which consists in the treatment of the tobacce leaves with tannin and a decoction of Origanum vulgare before they are made up into cigars, the nicotine they contain becomes so transformed as to render it harmless to the human sys- New York Sun. tem. According to the account given, experiments have been made with the had the greatest aversion to tobacco in any form and invariably suffered from nausea immediately they began to smoke. These, however, smoked in succession each three cigars made of pared reales, not only without breathing or temperature. Not the slightest symptom, in fact, of nicotine poisoning was to be detected, although most exact and careful observations

New Dark Lantern For Warships. The British battleship Magnificent and the cruisers Arrogant, Niobe and Pelorus are to be fitted with a special type of stern light before they rejoin

were made as the smokers puffed their

way through the three cigars .- St.

The new light will be so arranged by the aid of a shade and reflectors as to cast a reflection immediately in the wake of the ship and perceptible only to a vessel following immediately astern, and by means of elevating gear the reflection may be cast imme diately under the light itself or at various ranges to meet the requirements of a squadron steaming ahead.

With this light it will now be possible to conceal all the other lights in a squadron and then to perform in safe ty a series of tactics which otherwise it would be dangerous to attempt.

An Eagle That Fishes In a City, A handsome bald eagle spends two or three hours every morning catching fish at a place within the city limits in plain view of the passengers on a trolley car line. He perches on an oak

tree near the shore of a lake in which carp and catfish are plentiful. When his "eagle eye" espies a fish in the shallow water near the shore, down he swoops and, seizing the fish in his talons, files back to the tree, where he eats and then watches for another victim. The bird of freedom has chosen the position well, as the tree is on the extreme end of a long peninsula which no one can approach without being visible for half a mile .- Portland Ore-

Canada's Population.

Illinois is pulling up on Canada, and if the rate of increase in the two re gions is maintained in the next ten years at the figure which has prevailed for the last ten Illinois will be close to Canada's heels at the time the next decennial censuses are taken. These are comparisons which always have an ominous look for Canadians.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounce a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitution disease, and there-tore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer, one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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Frank Erwin of Kansas City will campaign the pacer You Bet, 2:121/2, in Charley G, full brother to the pacers Rey Direct, 2:10, and De Veras, 2:111/4

loes nothing but trot. The Stiles bill, legalizing betting at ace tracks, was beaten in the Pennsyl vania senate by a tie vote-17 to 17. Frank Voorhees has been engaged as rainer for the youngsters at Mount Kisco. He was formerly at Village farm and later at Empire City farm.

Ollie Eisman, the trainer, who raced Red Cliff, the trotter George Leavitt lately secured for A. S. Bigelow, Boston, says the horse will get a record of 2:07 if raced in 1901.

Whisper, dam of Zombro, 2:11, has a brown colt by Stam B, 2:1132, which has been named General Chaffee, in honor of the commander of the United States forces in China.

B. W. Johnson, St. Blaise, Tenn., i jogging quite a good bunch of horses on his own-track. He campaigned small string on the fair circuit last fall, meeting with a fair share of success. Nelly A, 2:13, by Wilkes Boy, has a filly by Adbell, 2:23. This mare had yearling record of 2:20%, and perhaps it is the only case of a horse and mar

with records in the list at that tender

age being coupled One of the most dangerous candidates for the M. & M. is the 5-year-old gelding Chase by Keeler, dam Euola by Axtell, second dam Anna Thomas I Cyclone. Last year he showed a mil in 2:151/2. The gelding is owned by J L. Druien, Bardstown, Ky., and is nov in Marvin's stable.

THE FASHION PLATE.

Tiny Dresden roses are very much sed in millinery.

Nun's veilings with shiny colored silk borders are among the new materials. Flowers carefully wired are made into bow effects for the side and back

Tulle which is patterned in the form of fish scales over a shimmering foundation of gold tissue is one of the mil-

A very stunning parasol is made of turquoise blue taffeta made to imitate the effect of the turquoise matrix, while the handle of ivory is decorated with turquoise.

Lace coats in cream tint made over silk of the same color are one of the elegancies of fashion in the way of wraps. They are three-quarter length,

and the sleeves are bell shape. The latest evening coiffure shows soft puff around the face, broken by a few little curls at one side and loos knots arranged low at the nape of the neck. One large rose is worn at one side of the front.

One must be blessed with a fine discrimination in these days in order t choose the latest and most fashionabl tint of white, which is called champagne or wine white, as you prefer, and is especially attractive because of its warm tinge.

Gauze ribbon in narrow widths is much used for ruchings on summer gowns, and other very pretty effects in trimming are made with some of the narrow fancy ribbons which come in pretty combinations of color and also with little jewels through the center .-

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

There are now half a million mem bers of the French Legion of Honor. The population of France is 38,268, 000, of whom just one-third live in towns of over 5,000 inhabitants.

medals to each husband and wife. A stone tablet duly inscribed now marks in old Cambridge, Mass., the site where formerly stood Longfellow's "spreading chestnut tree" and "village

last year, and the state contributed

Only twice in exactly 200 years was he Prusslan crown worn. Frederick l placed it upon his own head as a token of divine right, but the custom was no reverted to until the time of William I. The population of the Isle of Pines is 3,199, composed of 2,990 Cubans, 195 Spaniards and 14 others. Their citizen ship is classified as 2,818 Cubans, 32 Spaniards, 334 in suspense and 15

A prize of \$250 for the best essny or Brian Borothme written in Irish is offered by the Irish Literary society The writer must be under 40 years o age and is limited to 10,000 words. Sir Thomas Lipton provides the money.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Keep the orchard clear of brush. As with other products, the best fruit orings the best profit.

Cutting back of roses produces, as a rule, fewer blooms of fine quality. Have a sufficient number of varieties to keep up a supply of fruit through the season

When strawberries of the highest excellence are desired, all the runners should be kept off.

Trees and shrubs may be set out as ong as the leaves have not pushed out. After that it is of doubtful success. A weak solution of paris green is one of the best with which to spray the ap

ple and pear trees for the codlin moth Grapevines cling to wires much better than to other supports; therefore they are to be preferred to a slat trellis. While sheep do well in the orchard, as they eat the wormy apples, yet there is always the risk of their gnawing the

trees to ruin. The life of an apple tree is shortened if it grows in a poor, exhausted soil or one that is not properly drained .- St.

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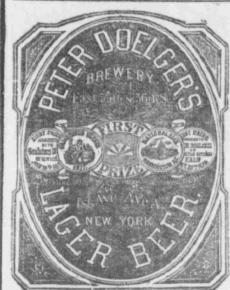
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